GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:248
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2016
Adulterated Fertilizers
Puttaraju Shri C.S.

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether a large quantity of adulterated and spurious fertilizers are still available in open market for sale and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has conducted any investigation in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether any foolproof mechanism has been formulated to prevent use of adulterated and spurious fertilizers and if so, the outcome thereof; and
(d) the steps taken by the Government to curb the sale of such fertilizers?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 248* TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2016 REGARDING ADULTERATED FERTILIZERS.

(a) & (b): No such cases of availability of large quantity of adulterated and spurious fertilizers have been reported. During the year 2014-15 around 5 per cent samples were reported non-standard. Details regarding state-wise percentage of samples of fertilizers found not in conformity with the quality parameters laid down in the Fertilizer Control Order during the year 2014-15 are at Annexure.

(c) & (d): Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 has been promulgated to regulate the trade, price, quality and distribution of fertilizers. Specifications of fertilizers are prescribed in the said Order. No person shall himself or by any other person on his behalf manufacture/import for sale, sell, offer for sale, stock or exhibit for sale or distribute any fertilizer which is not of prescribed standard. Samples of fertilizers are drawn periodically by the fertilizer inspectors of the State Governments from retailers/wholesalers and manufacturing units etc. for testing in the notified laboratories to check their quality in respect of the quality parameters prescribed in the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985. In case of imported fertilizers, the fertilizer inspectors of the Central Government (Central Fertilizer Quality Control & Training Institute and its regional laboratories) draw the samples from the ship/containers at ports.

State Governments are empowered under the Fertilizer (Control) Order/Essential Commodities Act, 1955 to take appropriate administrative and legal action against those dealers/manufacturers/importers who do not comply with the provisions prescribed in the Order.

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